

Brize Norton Primary School

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Head Teacher's News

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this Newsletter finds you well. We have had a super start to the second half of the Autumn Term which has included Arts Week this week. The school has been a buzz of excitement as the children have had a wealth of experiences. The VR (Virtual Reality) Workshop was a huge success, with children learning about topical issues that have a negative impact on our environment, as well as taking part in the Bollywood Dancing to celebrate Diwali. Both leaders of these workshops commented on how wonderfully behaved our children were and their enthusiastic participation in the sessions. It was wonderful to have such positive feedback about our children and school. A HUGE thank you to the BNSA who paid for the Diwali workshop at a substantial cost. Thank you to you, too, for enabling us to provide the VR workshop through your individual contribution, as well as supporting the BNSA in their fundraising endeavours. It is only with these contributions/donations can we realise these opportunities for your children. If you are yet to contribute, don't worry, there is still time and would be gratefully received.

We have more exciting things planned for this term, including class visits, residentials, focus days, non-uniform days as well as preparing for our Christmas celebrations and festivities. Next Friday, look out for our *Christmas News Newsletter* which will inform you of all things Christmassy!

Best wishes as always, Mrs Jones

SHINE

NEW SHINE AWARD –

Each long term a child from each class will be nominated in recognition of their ability to SHINE and show kindness over the term; as a reward, they will accompany me to the Humble Bumble where they will be treated to a cake/cookie and hot chocolate.



Attendance from

Falcons : 94.6

Voyagers: 96.6

Hercules: 96.8

Hurricanes: 96.8

Buccaneers: 97.7 – Well done

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News Bulletin Title

Notice from the BNSA – NON UNIFORM DAY – THURSDAY, 23rd November

On Thursday, 23rd November, the BNSA have asked us to host a non-uniform day. If your child would like to take part, please can you provide a contribution for the tombola which will take place at the Christmas Fete on the Saturday. Please hand your donations to the teaching team.

Playtimes

This week has seen us open up the forest school area and lunchtimes three times a week, it has also seen the introduction of Mrs Lawton refereeing football games, both of which seem to be working well. Can I just remind you please that if the children would like to go into the story garden or the forest school area, they will need to be wearing wellies – these can be left at school. Children are also advised to have water proof trousers as we experience more rain, the equipment they will wish to sit on will become wet and muddy.

Communication

We are still encountering issues with parental emails which are registered as gmail accounts. These emails bounce back to us. If you know a parent with a gmail account who is encountering these problems, please ask them to contact their own email admin to resolve the issues. We will continue to put hard copies of any letters sent out in the parent noticeboard on the playground for information. Below is a troubleshooting link to support the process.

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-gb/exchange/troubleshoot/email-delivery/ndr/fix-error-code-550-4-4-7-in-exchange-online>

Opportunity to join our fantastic team

We are currently recruiting for a part time (3 days a week) teaching partner to join our team temporarily: January until the summer. If you are, or know anyone who could be, interested, do please look at our website for further information. <https://www.brizeprimary.org/our-people/vacancies/>

Young Voices DVD offer

Please pass this discount code 'PREORDER' on to your parents along with this link yv24film.co.uk should they wish to Pre-order the YV24 Concert Video with an exclusive discounted offer for just £9.99 (usually £12.99).

Christmas !!!

This year we would LOVE the children to enjoy a more festive environment around the school. As a result, this is a plea for any unused or unloved Christmas decorations, including artificial Christmas trees. Our aspiration is for each class to have their own decorated Christmas tree, I would personally love to see some outdoor Christmas lights on the front of our school. If you have anything at home which is no longer needed, we would be grateful of any donations – please do spread the word.

Christmas meal

On Tuesday 19th December we will be having our school Christmas meal with crackers and festivities. We would like to encourage ALL children to join us for the hot meal so please do book either the Meat or Veg option for that day. We have attached our Christmas lunch menu.

The Large Dog and impressive cycle ride!

The School Council were so pleased, as was I, with the enthusiasm that the raffling of the LARGE dog generated. The children raised £55 which will go towards our playtimes. Well done to Enid Weeks who won the dog. Also, huge congratulations to Mrs Johnson who competed her 200 mile cycle ride in October, raising £355. This money will go to the BNSA as a thank you for their generous donations to school.

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Children's News

Following on from the news in the last newsletter of our newly appointed Eco and School Councilors, Mrs El-Masri and I have now appointed the head pupil role. We had 3 very strong candidates, all of whom shone in their interviews. As a result, we have a newly appointed children's leadership team, all from year 6:

Head Girl – Iman

Deputy Head Girl – Anwyn

Headteachers Personal Assistant – Lucy Wa

Congratulations girls, we look forward to working with you this year.

Dates for your Diary

20th Nov	Odd Sock Day
20th Nov	Lower School Farmer Gows Trip
22nd Nov	RE Focus Day
23rd Nov	Non-Uniform Day – BNSA – Bring a contribution for the tombola
27th Nov	U11 Boccia Burford Partnership event (parents will be contacted directly if it involves your child)
27th Nov	Open afternoon for prospective parents 1.30-2.15pm.
1st Dec	Miss Gibb's last day before her maternity leave starts
w/c 4th Dec	Assessment Week – we will be carrying out internal assessments this week in classes
7th Dec	IRock Concert @ 2:30
8th Dec	Panto at the Playhouse in Oxford – Lower School & Upper School Fairytale Farm visit - Buccaneers
11th Dec	Our choir will be singing carols at Humble Bumbles – 3:30 – 4pm
13th – 15th	Year 6 Residential
13th Dec	Reception Nativity performance 2.00pm
14th Dec	Lower School Nativity performances 1.30pm and 5.00pm
18th Dec	Upper School Community Carols
18th Dec 5.00pm	Carol Service for parents & extended family @ 5pm in church
19th Dec 20th Dec	Christmas dinner/jumper/party Day School finishes 1.15pm

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